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Dear Mr. Kunhardt,

After all this time, you may not recall it, but during the summer of 1965, while he was recovering from surgery, Mac Mathias, who with Ann are our friends, spoke to you about my first book, WHITEWASH, which was the first analysis of the Warren Report.

I write after hearing the CBS-TV morning news, which quotes Richard Helms as saying that the CIA engages in no spying on Americans.

This is false, though it may well be he is unaware of it.

I have a box of carbon copies of CIA spying on me in my public appearances.

It is done through an obscure front, whose letterhead, bank account, even a check in payment for the services in one case involving me I have in photocopy. In turn, this front uses an established commercial service.

The most recent case was within the past month, in connection with my new book, of which I enclose copies of two reviews.

I recall the creation of the CIA clearly. I served in (and was honored for my service in) its forerunner, the OSS. It was made explicitly clear at that time that the CIA was to have no domestic functions.

However, there is no doubt that it is the CIA in the case involving me, and there are repeated instances.

The Army did the same thing. I spoke on but one subject, the political assassinations. Where the Army conducted the surveillance, it included shadowing (through a near-tornado during a nearby tornado), my topic was "The Integrity of Our Society", I was the guest of a major university, and the agents sat nearby while I spent 18 hours at and on a radio station in a rural area.

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Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg